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Child-Friendly Downtown-Oriented Art and Architecture Programs:

Architeacher, teaching preservation and architecture to K-12. Michele Olsen, www.architeacher.org

ART STARS: RMD Gallery, Rob DeLong, owner. School District (framed student work exhibit and reception program). info@rmdgallery.com

CUBE: Box City, Landmark Calendars, lesson plans http://www.cubekc.org

<u>Build Your Own Main Street</u> and <u>Build Your Own Lincoln Sites</u>. Cut and assemble cardboard models of real historic buildings. Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

<u>www.Buildyourownmainstreet.org.</u>

Child-Friendly Resources:

What it means to be a Child-Friendly Business: Child-Friendly Initiative organization. Valuable suggestions on how businesses can become more child-friendly. http://www.childfriendly.org/business/meaning.html

Twenty ways to Become More Family Friendly: By Vicki L. Stoecklin, White Hutchinson Leisure & Learning Group, Kansas City, MO, USA http://www.whitehutchinson.com/leisure/articles/twentyfamfriendly.shtml

City of Canada Bay Child Friendly Guide For Businesses www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/verve/ resources/Child Friendly Guide for Businesses.p

Consumerism and Children:

Nicolls, Alexander James and Peter Cullen. The child-parent purchase relationship: 'pester power', human rights and retail ethics. Journal of Reading and Consumer Services 11 (2004) 75-86.

Child Friendly Downtown Living:

CEO's for Cities: Kids in Cities study

http://www.ceosforcities.org/pubs_projects/entry/757

Child-Friendly City Initiatives and Children's Rights:

Unicef's Child Friendly Cities Program: http://www.childfriendlycities.org/

Child Friendly City of Edmonton Strategy outlines vision, values, and goals as well as the steps necessary to achieve them.

http://www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/resident_services_programs/child-friendly-edmonton.aspx

Books:

Ruth, Linda Cain, AIA. *Design Standards for Children's Environments*. New York:McGraw-Hill, 2000. (Graphic design standards for sizing children's spaces and equipment.)

Gleeson, Brendan and Neil Sipe, ed's. *Creating Child Friendly Cities: reinstating kids in the city*. Oxon & New York: Routledge Publishing, 2006. (Looking at the bigger picture. Livable and safe city issues.)

Solomon, Susan G. *American Playgrounds: Revitalizing Community Space.* Hanover and London: University Press of New England, 2005. (The history and future of innovative playground design.)

Lee, Nora. *The Mom Factor: What Really Drives where We Shop, Eat, and Play* Washington D.C.: Urban Land Institute, 2005. (Discussion of Commerce.)

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